



Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market 2026

Rules & Regulations

1. **Date & Time:** Every Monday, June 15 – August 3, 2026
2. **Location:** Crete United Methodist Church Parking Lot, 1321 Main St. Crete, IL 60417
3. **Vendor Space:** Vendors who are approved and pay all required fees after submission of this application may rent space at the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market and keep all proceeds from their sale of goods and services. Each vendor space only includes the actual space (approximately 12x12 sq. ft.). Vendors must bring their own tables, chairs, tent/canopy, racks and other items to display and sell their goods and services but must not interfere with other booths and not damage the premises upon set up and removal. Please be sure to bring weights for tent/canopy in case of inclement weather. Wi-Fi is not available at the location.
4. **Fees:** Varies per option chosen. Fees are due upon submission of this application and can be paid in the following ways:

Preferred: Checks should be payable to "Crete Area Chamber of Commerce" and mailed to:
Crete Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 263 Crete, IL 60417

Online: PayPal at [cretechamber.com/farmersmarket](https://www.cretechamber.com/farmersmarket) (additional fees may apply)
Zelle by sending to cretechamber.info@gmail.com (must notate business name and chosen dates in notes)

Payments will not be accepted on the day of the market. All booth spaces must be paid for a minimum of 1 week prior to selected market date. If you do not pre-pay for the season (entire season or selected dates) before the first market of the season, we reserve the right to allow/accept other vendors with the same or similar product.

5. **Refunds/Cancellations:** Refunds or credits will not be issued under any circumstance. If you pre-pay for the season but are a no-show/no-call for 2 or more markets, we reserve the right to allow/accept vendors with the same or similar product.
6. **Rules & Regulations:** The undersigned agree to be bound by the rules and regulations if approved as a vendor. Failure to follow such rules can result in termination of this agreement and/or future events and any payments made for future markets will be forfeited.
7. **Waiver & Release:** The undersigned agrees to execute and deliver to the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce with this application. By signing the application and agreement, the vendor acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the terms and conditions of this agreement and that he/she is voluntarily giving up substantial legal rights, including the right to sue the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce. Failure to sign the agreement will result in the undersigned not being approved as a vendor.

8. **Application Submission:** Booth space is limited. Application and payment must be submitted to reserve a spot at the Farmer's Market. Vendors from any previous events held by the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce are not guaranteed a booth until submission and approval. Payment of all required fees are due with submission of application. All vendors will be notified of acceptance via email, phone or text. In the event there are duplicate vendor types, or an application is not approved for any reason, fees will be refunded within 30 days of receiving application. **Applications must be emailed to cretechamber.info@gmail.com or mailed to P.O. Box 263 Crete, IL 60417.**
9. **Insurance:** The Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market does not provide insurance on property of the vendor or against the acts of omissions of the vendor, its agents or employees. All insurance for personal property, public injury/liability and all other types of insurance must be carried by the vendor.
10. **Subleasing:** Rented vendor space shall not be subleased without prior written consent of the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce, nor shall any person other than the approved vendor who signed the waiver and application occupy or exhibit at the rented booth space.
11. **Police & Fire Regulations:** Police and fire regulations must be observed by the vendor. No parking in fire lanes. Vehicles may be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense. If electrical connections are available, all electrical connections require a multi-outlet strip with circuit breaker and surge suppressor. Vendors are required to bring an approved extension cord and power strip, as the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce does not provide them.
12. **Condition of Premises:** Vendors must leave premises in clean condition and remove all rubbish, etc. prior to leaving. Any damage to structure, property, or the premises arising out of acts of omission of the vendor, its agents or employees, shall be paid in full by the vendor as determined by the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce or managers of the facilities, if applicable.
13. **Advertising:** Distribution of advertising materials on the premises is not permitted without prior written approval of the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce.
14. **Unloading:** Vendors are required to unload as quickly as possible in front of their booth location as instructed by the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce representative. Detailed instructions for set-up times will be emailed prior to the beginning of the season. Do not block doorways or lot entrances. Unload your items and move your vehicle immediately to the designated parking areas before setting up your booth. Vehicles must be out of the market area before 4:00 PM.
15. **Hours:** Vendors must stay open the entire time of the market and may not begin cleaning up or packing items until the market has ended at 8:00 PM each market. Vendor spaces may not close early unless prior approval is given by the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce. If prior approval is received, the vendor must pack up and bring their booth/items to their vehicle, as vehicles will not be allowed into the market area until after 8:00 PM.
16. **Food Vendors:** If a vendor is selling food items, both made on the premises or pre-made, it is the vendor's responsibility to acquire and hold their own food handlers' license and permits for **Will County**. Permits are only accepted for the county the market is held in. No permits for other counties will not be accepted. The Crete Area Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for licenses or permits for food booths. A copy of any license required for your business must be provided and submitted with the application and payment.
17. **Direct Sale Vendors:** Only one direct sale vendor is allowed per booth. For example, a vendor may not sell Tupperware and Thirty-One at the same booth, as two booths must be rented and managed for such purposes. Additionally, only one direct sale company may be represented at each event. For example, we will not accept two or more Tupperware vendors at the same market.

18. **Professional Manner:** Vendors must refrain from any offensive or distasteful remarks or conduct and must always conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner while participating in the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market. The approved vendor is responsible for the acts and omissions of their representatives and agents who attend the market with them.
19. **Governing Law:** All matters arising out of or related to this vendor application and waiver shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Illinois without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law, provision or rule. If any provision of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
20. **Entire Agreement:** This vendor application and waiver constitute the sole and entire agreement of the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce and the undersigned with respect to the subject matter contained herein and therein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations, and warranties, both written and oral, with respect to such subject matter. This vendor application and waiver is binding on the undersigned and its respective heirs, successors and assigns. If you would like to be a vendor at the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market, please indicate your agreement to this application and waiver by signing below and submitting your application and payment in accordance with the application instructions.

Waiver & Release

The undersigned desires to participate in the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market to be held on the dates selected by the vendor at the Crete United Methodist Church parking lot to engage in the sale or promotion of its goods and/or services. In consideration of being permitted by the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Farmer's Market and in recognition of the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce reliance hereon, the undersigned agrees to all terms and conditions set forth in this waiver and release.

1. **Photo/Video Release:** The undersigned consents to being photographed or videotaped at the Farmer's Market by the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce and its agents and hereby irrevocably and perpetually authorizes the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce to copyright, publish, reproduce, display or otherwise use, in any manner, form, or format whatsoever now or hereinafter created, including on the internet for advertising or promotion of any event of the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce without further consent from or payment to the undersigned and its agents. The undersigned understand that the materials are the property of the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce.
2. **Excusable Delays:** The undersigned agrees that the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce will not be in breach of the vendor application and agreement, nor liable for delay in performing or failure to perform, any of its obligations under the vendor application or waiver if such delay or failure results from events, circumstances or causes beyond control, including but not limited to, strike, work stoppages, fire, weather, protest, pandemic, epidemic, national or regional emergency order, or act of God. The Crete Area Chamber of Commerce shall provide notice to the approved vendors of any such events.
3. **Waiver & Release:** The undersigned desires to participate as a vendor at the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market. In consideration of being permitted to participate, the undersigned agrees to waive and release all claims against the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce and its agents, sponsors, heirs, successors, assigns, employees, or contractors (collectively, 'Releasees'), on account of injury, disability or death, or property theft or damage to vehicles, exhibits, products,

equipment and other personal property, arising out of participation in the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market as a vendor, whether arising out of the ordinary negligence of the Releasees or otherwise. The undersigned covenants not to make or bring any such claim against the Releasees and forever release and discharge the Releasees from liability under such claims. This waiver and release do not extend to claims of gross negligence, willful misconduct, or any other liabilities that Illinois law does not permit to be released by agreement.

4. **Indemnification:** The undersigns agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce and all other Releasees against any and all losses, damages, claims, actions, judgments, settlements, awards, penalties, fines, costs, or expenses of whatever kind, including attorney fees and the costs of enforcing any right to indemnification under this agreement and the cost of pursuing any insurance providers, arising out of or resulting from any claim of a third party related to the undersigned's participation in the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market, including but not limited to, any claim related to the undersigned's or its agent's negligence or the ordinary negligence of the undersigned and its agents. This shall also include the undersigned of its agent's failure to follow and obey any federal, state, or local laws and ordinances.

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Vendor Application

All applications and waivers must be emailed to **cretechamber.info@gmail.com**
or mailed to **P.O. Box 263 Crete, IL 60417**

Vendor/Business/Organization Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Description of goods or services you will be selling: _____

Please circle each date you want to attend:

June 15 June 22 June 29 July 6 July 13 July 20 July 27 August 3

***FARMERS ALWAYS PARTICIPATE FREE OF CHARGE (produce only) ***

If paying for select dates only:

_____ **CHECK** – Number of dates chosen _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____ due.

_____ **PAYPAL** – Number of dates chosen _____ x \$27.00 = \$ _____ due.

_____ **ZELLE** – Number of dates chosen _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____ due.

If paying for entire season (all 8 dates):

'Chamber Vendor Members' get 1 date FREE. For more information about becoming a Chamber Vendor Member. Please email us at cretechamber.info@gmail.com. Please note the new Chamber Vendor Member rates and select the appropriate section. You must be a Chamber Vendor Member to apply for special rates.

Please mark the appropriate choice:

_____ **Check/Zelle** Entire Season - \$200.00

_____ **Check/Zelle** Entire Season – Chamber Vendor Member - \$175.00

_____ **PayPal** Entire Season - \$216.00

_____ **PayPal** Entire Season – Chamber Vendor Member - \$189.00

ALL FOOD VENDORS MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR WILL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LICENSE and/or COTTAGE LICENSE AND FOOD HANDLERS' LICENSE WITH THIS APPLICATION.

By signing you acknowledge you have read and agree to all terms and conditions of this agreement, including the Rules & Regulations and Waiver & Release for the 2026 Crete Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market.

Name: _____

Business or Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____